



10TH
YEAR

EVENT GUIDE

NAVIGATING CRISES:
BUILDING ON SUCCESSSES

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InterContinental Xi'an Hi-tech Zone,
Xi'an, People's Republic of China



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Welcome to AEW 2025

Each year, the Independent Evaluation Department of the Asian Development Bank and the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China through the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute organize the Asian Evaluation Week (AEW). This year, as we celebrate AEW's 10th anniversary, we return to Xi'an, the city where it all began.

We live in uncertain times. During these periods, what the development community learns from evaluation is going to be even more important to chart the way forward. That's why we couldn't think of a better theme for AEW 2025 than 'Navigating Crises, Building on Successes.'

Join us to hear from evaluators, thought leaders, and innovators from around the world. Just as Xi'an was the starting point of the ancient Silk Road, we are certain AEW will spark many new conversations on achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

AEW at a Glance

10

Years

4

Days

5

Plenary Sessions

12

Parallel Sessions

Inclusion, Technology and Innovation, Climate Change Lens, Governance and Country Evaluation Systems, and Role of Evaluation in the Private Sector

1

World Café

2

Side Events

200+

Participants

2

Project Site and Cultural Visits

Arriving at Xi'an

Airport Transfers

Arrival from Xi'an Xianyang International Airport. **Participants are advised to prepare Chinese yuan (CNY) in advance**, either by exchanging cash at the airport or by using online apps such as **WeChat** or **Alipay**.

If you need any assistance, please contact **Mr. Chen** on **+86 18 121168205**.

Airport Shuttle Bus	
Route:	Airport → Ziction Liberal Hotel (near InterContinental Xi'an Hi-tech Zone)
Distance:	~35 km
Duration:	~60–70 minutes
Fare:	¥25
Frequency:	Every 30–50 minutes
Operating Hours:	09:00–21:00
Where to Board:	Ground Transportation Center at Terminals T2, T3, or T5

Taxi	
Distance:	~35 km
Duration:	~40–50 minutes (depending on traffic)
Fare:	¥100–¥130
Availability:	24/7
Where to Board:	T5: For international arrival/departure, outside gate 501, B1F of Arrival Hall T3: outside gate 03, Ground Transportation Center (GTC), 1F T2: outside gate 213

Metro + Transfers	
Route:	Take Metro Line 14 to Shuangzhai → Transfer to Metro Line 3 to Yanpingmen Station → Walk north around 950 meters to the InterContinental Xi'an Hi-tech Zone
Duration:	~90–100 minutes
Fare:	¥8–¥12
Note:	Requires multiple transfers and walking

Private Car / Ride-Hailing (e.g., Didi)	
Distance:	~35 km
Duration:	~40–50 minutes
Fare:	¥90–¥150 (depending on car type and time of day)
Convenience:	App-based booking, direct service

Money Exchange

Terminal 5 (T5)	
Location 1:	1F, International Arrival Hall
Operating Hours:	07:00-02:00
Location 1:	Near check-in island D/E, 3F
Operating Hours:	05:00-23:00
Services:	Currency exchange counters accepting major international currencies
Processing Fee:	¥58 per transaction

Terminal 3 (T3)	
Location 1:	Departures, next to Exit 325
Location 2:	International Arrival Hall, Level 1
Operating Hours:	07:30-21:30
Services:	Currency exchange counters accepting major international currencies
Processing Fee:	¥58 per transaction
ATMs:	Available at Departures (behind check-in areas K/L) and Arrivals (opposite Exit 313)
Bank Branch:	Bank of China – Arrivals, next to Exit 311 (Open 24 hours)

Terminal 2 (T2)	
Location:	International Departures, next to Customs
Operating Hours:	07:30-21:30
Services:	Currency exchange counters accepting major international currencies
Processing Fee:	¥58 per transaction
ATMs:	Available at Departures (opposite Exit 4) and Arrivals (next to Passenger Service Center)

Arriving at AEW



InterContinental Xi'an Hi-tech Zone

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<https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/xian/siahz/hoteldetail>

Departure: Participants may request assistance from the hotel receptionist in the lobby to call a taxi. **Journey takes about 60 minutes** from the hotel to Xianyang International Airport. **It is recommended that participants leave for the airport at least 4 hours before their scheduled departure time.**



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Onsite Registration and claiming of Badges and AEW Kit

- Participants may proceed to the Registration Area at the 3F outside the Grand Ballroom to claim the ID badge and kit starting 31 August 2025, 2:00 p.m.
- Participants are required to wear their ID badge at all times throughout the event.

How to Get Around

from Intercontinental Hotel Xi'an Hi-tech Zone

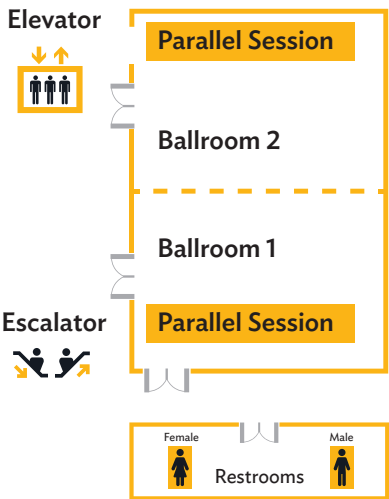
ATM	Bank of China ATM	~600M East
Convenience Store	7-Eleven (Keji Road)	~600M East
Emergency Service	Gaoxin Hospital	~300M South-East
Police	Gaoxin Police Station	~500M South
Dine	DongTan ShuiPen Mutton Zhuang	~400M North-East

Event Map



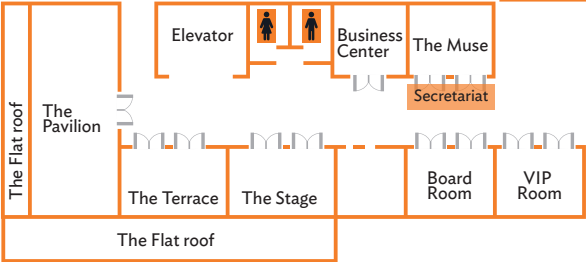
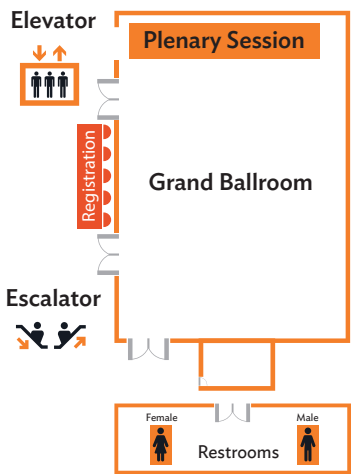
2F

- Parallel Sessions: Ballroom 1 and 2



3F

- Plenary Sessions: Grand Ballroom
- Secretariat: The Muse Room



General Information



- Dress code: Business casual (no shorts, no sweatpants, no athleisure, no lounge wear, no hotel slippers)
- 1 September, you may opt to wear outfits with a touch of your respective country's traditional attire.



- Meals: Lunch (1–4 September) is at 1F COMMUNE All Day Dining Restaurant. Snacks are provided outside the conference rooms.
- Participants must make their own arrangements for other meals.



- Internet Access: Wi-fi is available at the venue.
 - Google, Gmail, Google Play Store, and other related Google platforms are not accessible in China.
- Please download all apps before arriving in China.**

ESSENTIAL APPS



WeChat is a voice and messaging app on a virtual private network that allows for effective communication anywhere in the world. It is the most widely used social media and messaging tool in China. Participants are advised to sign up for a WeChat account not only for mobile payment, but also for smooth online communication during their stay.



Instructions: <https://www.babagoeschina.com/wechat-for-foreigners-guide/>



DiDi

DiDi is China's top ride-hailing app (like Uber) that foreigners can use with international phone numbers and credit cards. The English version lets you

book cars, bikes, and even buses across most Chinese cities, with cashless payments via Visa/Mastercard or Alipay. It's good for stress-free travel, with real-time translations and upfront pricing to avoid language barriers.



Instructions: <https://www.trip.com/guide/transport/how-to-use-didi-in-china.html>



Alipay

Alipay (recommended) and Weixin Pay (WeChat Pay) are the two most popular means of mobile payment in China.

They are widely used and, in many cases, more accessible than cash payments.



Instructions: <https://www.alipayplus.com/pay-in-the-chinese-mainland>

Bank Card Payment

Cards issued in your home country/region can be accepted if logos of UnionPay, Visa, Mastercard and other payment organizations are displayed at the checkout counter. If not, please ask the cashier whether your card is accepted. If you hold a UnionPay card issued outside China's mainland, it can be accepted by any merchant POS terminal in China's mainland.



Cash Withdrawal

You can withdraw CNY by your bank card at an ATM or CRS with corresponding international payment network logos.



Currency Exchange

If you need cash, you can also directly exchange at bank outlets with currency exchange signs, outlets of qualified financial institutions or self-service kiosks. Please consult the staff about available currencies available.



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From Vision to Impact: Exploring the Full Cycle of the Shaanxi Qinling Biodiversity Project

3 September 2025 | Wednesday

Through an immersive experience at the Shaanxi Qinling Biodiversity Conservation and Demonstration Project, participants will gain insights into the project's objectives, design implementation, completion and evaluation. Participants will gain a deep understanding of how the project's initial vision responded to pressing ecological concerns in the Qinling region. The experience explores how strategic goals for biodiversity conservation were shaped by scientific assessments and active stakeholder collaboration, laying the groundwork for effective planning.

The journey continues through the design and implementation phases, highlighting innovative approaches such as habitat restoration, eco-tourism initiatives, and community-driven conservation. On-site demonstrations illustrate real-world applications and the challenges faced during project execution, including logistical coordination and adaptive techniques.

Finally, the evaluation stage reveals how the project's impact was measured across environmental and social indicators. Visitors will learn how these insights helped inform future conservation efforts, contributing to national policy priorities and China's broader ecological civilization goals.

For more details check the project brochure in your welcome kit and scan the QR codes

Project Completion Report



Project Validation Report





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Terracotta Warriors Museum

4 September 2025 | Thursday

All Facts, Plans, Guides

- Official name: Emperor Qin Shihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum
- One of China's most iconic attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Built over 2,000 years ago to guard Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife
- More than 8,000 terracotta warriors standing in line including infantry, cavalry, chariot soldiers and other arms
- Each pottery figurine has distinct facial features, expression and temperament

Joining the museum tour?

- Register and pay at the registration area by 2 September, 12:00 p.m.
- Cost: ~\$70 (cash payment)
- Assembly at hotel lobby: 1:15 p.m.
- Departure: 1:30 p.m.
- Return: 5:30 p.m.
- Venue: Lintong District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province

What to wear?

- Light and breathable clothing
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hat and sunglasses
- Light rain jacket or umbrella

Historical & Cultural Attractions

1. Ancient City Wall

- Description: Best-preserved city wall in China; great for walking or cycling.
- Distance: 5.02 km
- Direction: Central Xi'an
- Location: Zhongxin District

2. Bell Tower

- Description: Iconic structure marking the center of Xi'an; great views at night.
- Distance: 4.62 km
- Direction: Central Xi'an
- Location: Beilin District

3. Drum Tower & Muslim Quarter

- Description: Historic towers and vibrant food street with Islamic culture.
- Distance: 4.20 km
- Direction: Northwest
- Location: Lianhu District

4. Giant Wild Goose Pagoda

- Description: Buddhist pagoda built in 652 A.D.; near Asia's largest music fountain.
- Distance: 4.58 km
- Direction: South
- Location: Yanta District

5. Great Mosque of Xi'an

- Description: Unique blend of Chinese and Islamic architecture.
- Distance: 4.28 km
- Direction: Northwest
- Location: Huajuexiang, Lianhu District

6. Terracotta Warriors

- Description: Thousands of life-sized clay soldiers guarding Emperor Qin Shi Huang's tomb.
- Distance: 37.82 km
- Direction: Northeast
- Location: Lintong District

Note: All distances are calculated from the Intercontinental Xi'an Hi-tech Zone as the point of reference.



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Feedback

How was your AEW 2025 experience?

